

**From:** [Brown, Cynthia](#)  
**To:** [Banipal, Ben](#)  
**Subject:** FW: US Oil Recovery FW: Phone message from (b) (6)  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 11:25:42 AM

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Cynthia Brown  
 Removal Enforcement Coordinator  
 214-665-7480

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**From:** Quinones, Edwin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 11:10 AM  
**To:** Brown, Cynthia; Josiam, Raji  
**Cc:** Johnson, Lydia; Adams, Adam  
**Subject:** RE: US Oil Recovery FW: Phone message from (b) (6)

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Ed Q.  
 214-535-9661 Blackberry

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**From:** Brown, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 10:15 AM  
**To:** Josiam, Raji; Quinones, Edwin  
**Subject:** FW: US Oil Recovery FW: Phone message from (b) (6)

I'm not sure what to do with this USOR question since I don't think it falls in the Enforcement area. Do either of you have knowledge of what we should do with this inquiry? I couldn't find anything in the AOC that spoke to community outreach concerns. Is that the PRP's responsibility or EPAs?

Help!

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**From:** Johnson, Lydia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 4:48 PM  
**To:** Brown, Cynthia  
**Subject:** FW: US Oil Recovery FW: Phone message from (b) (6)

Cindy,

In the message below there is some concern about the amount of community outreach conducted by the PRPs. There may be a compliance issue if the PRP group is not adhering to AOC. What does the AOC state about community involvement and check with the RPM on compliance. Please let Ben know asap on what you find.

Thanks,  
Lydia

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**From:** Phillips, Pam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 4:08 PM  
**To:** Edlund, Carl; Talton, Anthony; Banipal, Ben; Chambers, Carlene; Sanchez, Carlos; Gilmore, Cathy; Faultry, Charles; Petersen, Chris; Ruhl, Christopher; Suttice, Connie; McQuiddy, David; Ragon, Derek; Meyer, John; Campbell, Joy; Price, Lisa; Johnson, Lydia; Peycke, Mark; Kemp, Mary; Smith, Monica; Broyles, Ragan; Sonntag, Patricia; Webster, Susan; Stenger, Wren  
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Charles should have the lead. He will work with Ben, Tony and George Pettigrew.

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**From:** Edlund, Carl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** Talton, Anthony; Banipal, Ben; Chambers, Carlene; Sanchez, Carlos; Gilmore, Cathy; Faultry, Charles; Petersen, Chris; Ruhl, Christopher; Suttice, Connie; McQuiddy, David; Ragon, Derek; Meyer, John; Campbell, Joy; Price, Lisa; Johnson, Lydia; Peycke, Mark; Kemp, Mary; Smith, Monica; Phillips, Pam; Broyles, Ragan; Sonntag, Patricia; Webster, Susan; Stenger, Wren  
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Who will follow up? Let me know and I'll let them know.

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**From:** Owens, Rock (CAO) <[Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net](mailto:Rock.Owens@cao.hctx.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:16:53 AM  
**To:** Edlund, Carl  
**Cc:** Hock, Nancy (CAO)  
**Subject:** US Oil Recovery FW: Phone message from (b) (6)

Dear Carl,

I really enjoyed our visit last week. The Fire Drill added an interesting touch. While the San Jacinto site holds a special place on our list of priorities, we are concerned about the other site in Harris County as well. The US Oil site on Little Vince Bayou is another site that concerns us, in part because of the legal work we did to close down Klaus Genssler's operations but also because it is in close proximity to a large residential neighborhood. It is for this latter reason that I wanted to share a concern we have about this site.

It has come to our attention that at least one resident that lives near the US Oil Site is complaining that she is just now learning about the US Oil site. Yesterday we received a call from (b) (6) one of the site's relatively close neighbors, complaining that she just now learned about the contamination at the site. She was extremely upset about a lack of communication with the community about potential dangers posed by the site. In particular she blames the lack of posted warnings for the loss of an eye by her 45 year-old daughter who entered the waters of Little Vince Bayou to rescue a child. While in the water she was infected by an aggressive bacteria that they attribute to the site. I have no idea if the contamination from US Oil could have caused the injury, It seems unlikely however I thought I should pass her concerns on to you. We know that fish consumption warnings were posted on the Little Vince Bayou Bridge at N. Richey but I am not aware of any other types of warnings, Perhaps more work in this area is needed.

As always, we look forward to working with you and the EPA on these sites. At last week's meeting we discussed the possible need for more outreach regarding the San Jacinto site. Do you think it is possible that the RPs might need to evaluate their community awareness efforts with respect to US Oil?

Thanks

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**From:** Hock, Nancy (CAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 5:14 PM  
**To:** Owens, Rock (CAO)  
**Subject:** Phone message from (b) (6)

(b) (6) called on behalf of her daughter, (b) (6) lost an eye in December 2012 due to contact with contaminated water in bayou. She had to jump in water to save her sister. They have been contacted by Adam Adams with the EPA. She said she was unaware of the contamination and that no one had contacted them until recently. She was hoping we represented individuals. I explained that we did not and could not make a referral but I would ask you to call her to confirm.

Please give her a call at (b) (6) FYI – her residence is at (b) (6) – across bayou from the site.

Thanks

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